

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~2nd June, 1960.COCOM Document 3711.33/5BCOORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONGERMAN STATEMENT ON THE INTERPRETATION OF ITEM 1133(a).23rd May, 1960

Present: Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Docs. 3711.33/2 - 4.

1. The GERMAN Delegate referred to his own statement on the interpretation of Item 1133(a) and the subsequent record of discussion in which the majority of delegations had agreed that the valves in question were not covered by Item 1133(a). (COCOM Docs. 3711.33/2 and 3). The Delegate recalled that the United States Delegation had, however, later explained that they held the contrary view, and the Netherlands Delegation likewise had misgivings in this respect (COCOM Doc. 3711.33/4). The German authorities had reconsidered their decision, and were now prepared to agree with the United States and Netherlands Delegations that the valves involved were covered by Item 1133(a), in view of the fact that they operated at such low temperatures. The Delegate thanked his colleagues for the views they had expressed, and stated that he had been instructed to add that the position now taken up by the German authorities was based on the understanding that any Member Government faced with a similar request would take the same view and regard such valves as being under embargo.

2. The UNITED STATES Delegate welcomed the position now taken by the German authorities.

3. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate recalled the view expressed by his Delegation in paragraph 3 of COCOM Doc. 3711.33/3, and undertook to inform the Committee of his Government's reaction to the latest German statement.

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